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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The British market for American apples as reflected by the Liverpool auction of March 2 was characterized by oversupplies and declining prices for barreled varieties but a moderate demand at relatively firm prices for boxed stock, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. The prices paid for barreled stock this week were from 75¢ to \$2.00 per barrel below last week's level, due mainly to excessive supplies and the poor condition of the fruit. Many barreled apples sold at from \$2.43 to \$3.89 per barrel. The market is over-supplied with cooking apples, states Mr. Smith, and the demand for dessert apples is as a result being temporarily weakened.

Virginia Yellow Newtowns topped the market. Supplies were light and the demand was moderate, A-2½ inch stock in good condition bringing from 40¢ to \$7.30 per barrel which is equivalent to approximately \$3.90 to \$5.05 net f.o.b. Winchester. Oregon Yellow Newtowns brought the best price in the boxed lines, Extra Fancy fruit, sizes 163/175 selling at from \$3.16 to \$3.41 per box, which is equivalent to approximately \$1.52 to \$1.75 per box net f.o.b. Wenatchee when shipped via New York City. Panama shipments would increase returns to growers by about 10¢ per box.

Liberal supplies of Virginia York Imperials were offered on the auction but the stock was in very poor condition. Consequently, A-2½ inch sizes sold slowly at from \$2.43 to \$3.41 per barrel as against \$4.62 to \$5.47 last week. Great variation was evident in the condition of the available supplies of Winesaps and Stayman Winesaps from Virginia. Although supplies were only moderate, the demand was slow. A-2½ inch Winesaps in prime condition brought from \$4.38 to \$5.35 per barrel as against \$5.35 to \$6.33 per barrel last week. Supplies of New York Rhode Island Greenings were in excess of demand but A-2½ inch stock in good condition sold moderately at from \$5.11 to \$5.35 per barrel. Last week A-2½ inch Greenings in good condition brought from \$5.84 to \$6.33 per barrel. Supplies of Baldwins were also heavy and in extremely variable condition, A-2½ inch stock in good condition selling slowly at from \$4.38 to \$4.87 per barrel as compared with \$4.87 to \$5.35 per barrel last week. Washington Winesaps were only in moderate supply but supplies of Oregon Newtowns were liberal.

Shipments of Spanish oranges are arriving in generally good condition and are selling at from \$3.41 to \$5.84 per half case. Winter Nellis Pears from Washington are bringing from \$2.25 to \$2.55 per case, and Florida Grapefruit from \$5.35 to \$6.33 per case. The weather in the United Kingdom during the past week has been mostly rainy and temperate, which is an unfavorable situation for fruit consumption.

American apples in Copenhagen continue to sell at prices showing a margin of from \$1.95 to \$2.70 per barrel above the Liverpool level. Copenhagen supplies are light, states Mr. Smith.

The following table gives the prices paid for American apples at Copenhagen and Liverpool on March 1 and 2, respectively, compared with the previous week:

Prices paid for American apples at Liverpool and Copenhagen

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Feb. 23, 1927	March 2, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
LIVERPOOL:			
York Imperial, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Virginia	\$4.62 - 5.47	\$2.43 - 3.41 a/
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (overripe) :	"	3.65 - 4.62	b/
Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	5.35 - 6.33	4.38 - 5.35
Stayman Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	b/	2.92 - 3.95 a/
Yellow Newtown, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	b/	6.08 - 7.30
Ben Davis, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	5.60	b/
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	New York	b/	4.38 - 4.62
Rhode Island Greening, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ...	"	5.84 - 6.33	5.11 - 5.35
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. ...	"	b/	4.11 - 4.38 c/
Baldwin, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	4.87 - 5.35	4.38 - 4.87
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	b/	2.80 - 3.89 a/
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	4.26 - 5.11	3.89 - 4.38
Winesap:		Per box	Per box
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	3.28	2.92 - 3.16
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	b/	2.55 - 3.04
Fancy, 163/175	"	2.80 - 3.28	b/
Yellow Newtown:		:	:
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	3.41 - 3.53	3.16 - 3.41
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.04 - 3.16	b/
Fancy, 163/175	"	2.92	2.92 - 3.28
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.80 - 2.92	2.80 - 3.04
		Feb. 22, 1927	March 1, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
COPENHAGEN:			
Ben Davis, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up	Virginia	6.33 - 6.93	6.33 - 7.30
Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up	"	7.91	7.30 - 8.03
Yellow Newtown:		Per box	Per box
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	3.47 - 3.59	3.47
Winesap:		:	:
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	3.04 - 3.22	3.35 - 3.41
		:	:

a/ Poor condition. b/ Not quoted in cable. c/ Fair condition.

